

REMARKS

Claims 1-16, 19-46, 48-97, and 99-105 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

All of the pending claims are rejected only because of a defective Reissue Declaration. Applicants file herewith a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(B) to accept an unexecuted Supplemental Reissue Declaration to overcome the defective Declaration rejection. The Petition includes a showing of refusal of the inventors to sign a Supplement Reissue Declaration including a showing that such action is necessary to preserve the rights of the parties and/or to prevent irreparable damage, the fee set forth in § 1.17(g), and the last known address of all of the non-signing inventors.

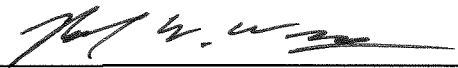
The current Assignee of Record respectfully requests that the Office accept the concurrently filed petition and allow the subject application to be allowed with all of the pending claims.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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